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5. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 4, further comprising:

an antireflection film formed on at least one surface of said transparent plate.

6. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 4,

said transparent plate having a thickness and said projection unit having a focal depth, and the thickness of said transparent plate being set larger than the focal depth of said projection unit.

7. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 4, further comprising:

a polarizer having an optical axis interposed between said transparent plate and said projection unit, said transparent plate being made of a drawing resin and having an optical axis, and the optical axis of said transparent plate [almost] substantially aligns with the optical axis of said polarizer.

8. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 7,

said polarizer comprising a polarizing layer and a pair of substrates that sandwich said polarizing layer and are made of a substrate material, and said transparent plate being made of the substrate material used in making said substrates.

9. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 7,

said polarizer being bonded to said transparent plate.

10. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 4,

said transparent plate having a surface and the surface of said transparent plate being coated with a surface active agent, or treated for electrostatic protection.

11. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 4, further comprising a mounting member and a color synthesizing prism, said optical modulation element being mounted via the mounting member on the color synthesizing prism, said mounting member comprising:

a mounting frame plate composed of a first frame member and a second frame member that sandwich said optical modulation element

a fixed frame plate in a fixed contact with a light incident surface of said color synthesizing prism; and

an intermediate frame plate sandwiched between said mounting frame plate and said fixed frame plate.

12. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 11,

said mounting frame plate being made of a resin containing glass fiber.

13. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 11,

said mounting frame plate being made of metal.

14. (Twice Amended) A [projection display device] projector comprising:

a light source;

an optical modulation element that modulates a light flux emitted from the light source according to image information;

a projection unit that magnifies and projects the light flux modulated by said optical modulation element; and

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a partition that surrounds said optical modulation element via an air layer and thereby separates said optical modulation element from said light source and said projection unit,

said partition having a transparent plate fitted in a light incident window corresponding to a light incident surface of said optical modulation element, and a light outgoing window that emits the light flux modulated by said optical modulation element therefrom.

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15. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 14, further comprising:

a fan that circulates air located inside said partition.

16. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 14, further comprising:

a polarizer bonded to said transparent plate.

17. (Twice Amended) The [projection display device] projector according to Claim 14,

said transparent plate having a surface and the surface of said transparent plate being coated with a surface active agent, or treated for electrostatic protection.

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[Please add the following claims 18 and 19:]

--18. A projector comprising:
a light source;
an optical modulation element that modulates a light flux emitted from the light source according to image information;
a transparent plate formed on a light emitting surface of said optical modulation element;